

REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated June 13, 2006 and has amended the application to set the claims in condition for allowance. Claims 1-32 are pending. By the virtue of this amendment, claim 1 is amended. Claim 3 is canceled.

It is not the Applicant's intent to surrender any equivalents because of the amendments or arguments made herein. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Specification

Per Examiner's suggestion the specification, particularly the Abstract and the Brief Description of the drawings, have been amended as noted above.

§102 & §103 Rejections

Claims 1 and 2 are respectively rejected under sections 102 and 103 over Kasamatsu (US Patent 5,852,770). The Examiner, however, deemed claim 3 dependent on claim 1 allowable if rewritten in independent form. The applicant has amended claim 1 to include the elements of claim 3. It is submitted that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Claim 2 should be also allowable by the virtue of its dependence on an allowable base claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for finding claims 3-32 in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

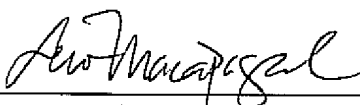
No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicants have expressly argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California, telephone number (213) 623-2221 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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